

SENATE RESOLUTION 56

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Frankie Powers Holden
of the District Fifteen Community.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Frankie Powers Holden; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Holden was an exemplary community member and consummate homemaker who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her family and fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born September 29, 1924, in Chattanooga, Oklahoma, Frankie Holden was the daughter of the late Earl H. Powers and Clara Latricia Branum Powers; at a young age, she moved with her family to West Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in 1942, she graduated from Middleton Tennessee High School, and on September 16 of that year, she married Melton "Mutt" Holden, an employee of the Fayette County Highway Department and a World War II veteran; and

WHEREAS, although early in life she was an employee of the Salant and Salant Manufacturing Company in Somerville, Mrs. Holden was a dedicated homemaker throughout most of her years; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Mrs. Holden was a warm and devoted daycare provider, doubling as a second mother or grandmother to many local children, who knew her as "Mrs. Frankie" and loved her dearly; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong Christian and Methodist, Frankie Holden lived according to her strong spiritual values and deep compassion; she leaves behind a legacy of faith, service, devotion, and love for family, friends, and community; and

WHEREAS, she expressed her nurturing spirit in the care she took with her flowers and vegetable garden, and Mrs. Holden enjoyed cooking for her family as well; and

WHEREAS, Frankie Holden was deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, Mrs. Holden was preceded in death by her beloved husband, who died November 3, 1973, one sister, Jewel Davis, and two brothers, Houston Powers and Earl Powers; and

WHEREAS, she is survived by her children and their spouses, Cindy and Lee Smallwood, Melton Horace and Alice Holden, and Murray Wayne and Dorothy Holden; and

WHEREAS, she will be sorely missed by her brothers and sisters, Peggy Cox, Sadie Davis, Inez Voyles, Valeria Bishop, Jimmy Powers, and Bill Powers; fourteen grandchildren; forty-six great-grandchildren; and twenty-one great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Frankie Holden leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional Tennessean and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Frankie Powers Holden, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Holden.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.